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## ***Commissionaires Ottawa enters new era of leadership in the private security industry***

***Adopts new corporate identity. Expands service solutions.  
Attracts and retains record number of employees.***

Local security force *Commissionaires Ottawa* celebrated their evolving company today with the unveiling of a new corporate logo, announcement of several new or enhanced services and a special medals ceremony to recognize about 90 exemplary employees.

In a presentation at their headquarters, *Commissionaires Ottawa* revealed their sleeker logo, new colours and brand materials as a tribute to its emergence as ‘*the private security force*’ in the National Capital Region. CEO Paul A. Guindon said, “*Commissionaires Ottawa* has entered a new era of leadership in our industry. Having adapted and responded to the ever-increasing security needs of our clients, we have evolved so much in the past couple of years that it’s time to celebrate who we have become by reinforcing our value and potential through this rebranding campaign.”

The CEO explained that despite being traditionally known for providing general security guard services for Government clients, today *Commissionaires Ottawa* has expanded its reach in both the public and private sectors - being called on to secure high-tech, industrial and commercial office facilities; international and local airports; hospitals and schools; embassies and high-profile landmarks; military compounds; law enforcement agencies; and, public events.

“*Commissionaires Ottawa* has been proactive in expanding our fields of expertise, now offering a wide range of identification, enforcement, training and security solutions,” said Mr. Guindon. “For example, we have just launched a Pardons Application Service to round out our Identification Services portfolio. We already offer criminal background checks and fingerprinting, both of which are required to complete this application. Having upgraded last year to a digital fingerprinting technology that is securely and directly linked to the RCMP’s National Police Services Network, we can help our clients drastically reduce their legwork and waiting times for putting together a Pardons application. We have no hidden fees, our prices are competitive and our clients appreciate the convenience of having so many security-related services available at one location.”

Mr. Guindon added, “In addition, our security escort service is experiencing such a high level of demand that we are in the process of training and assigning about 150 of our security professionals to this department. We have also grown our security presence at numerous high profile special events.”

After unveiling the new brand and services, *Commissionaires Ottawa* CEO Paul Guindon also hosted a special medals ceremony honouring about 90 colleagues for their exemplary security service careers. The distinguished commissionaires were commended in a special ceremony for serving as many as 20 or 30 years. Mr. Guindon commented, “It is remarkable just how

many of our security professionals choose to remain with *Commissionaires Ottawa* for the extended length of time that they do. Given our broad range of backgrounds and today's tendency to switch careers multiple times, it says a lot about the dedication of our security professionals."

"Our employee population increasing by over 37% to 3,100 employees in the past year alone. Despite such unprecedented growth, it is remarkable that our turnover rate has remained at less than 18% and is by far the lowest in Canada's private security industry. This, I believe, is one of *Commissionaires Ottawa's* core strengths. We are able to provide our clients with experienced, reliable security professionals who are not just collecting a paycheque, but taking their service commitment seriously," said Mr. Guindon.

For further information about the company's latest news, or about *Commissionaires Ottawa's* range of services, visit its up-dated website at [www.commissionaires-ottawa.on.ca](http://www.commissionaires-ottawa.on.ca).

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